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that's all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Were we ready Mr. Clerk for LB 180, is that where we left off?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER: LB 180 on general file, Senator Johnson's bill.

CLERK: Title Read LB 180. There are committee amendments by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature, if you will turn to 180 you will note that the committee amendments are the bill. So I'll explain very briefly what the committee amendments do, is substitute the bill, and the amendments quote chapter 81, article 5, they have to do with the enforcement and the duties as referred to the life safety code 101, added to that section is the new language that you find in the amendments, that simply directs that when the fire marshall gives an order that the people or person affected by the order has a right to be informed by letter as to what his rights are, now there was quite a little controversy in the public hearing relative to 199, which had to do with the life safety code, the committee killed that bill and adopted 180, which does make a provision if there is a feeling on the part of any for example a jail or court house where an order goes out to renovate the building and electrical wiring and so forth, that if there is objection on the part of the people involved they have a right to be informed and shall be informed in writing as to what their rights are as far as going to the courts or appearing before the advisory committee is concerned. This is actually what the amendment does when it comes to the bill. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments, the question is shall the amendments be adopted, all those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered, the committee amendments are adopted. Back to you Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the legislature, as Senator Kremer explained the amendment is the bill, the original bill was suggested by the county official association, and discussed at their annual meeting, and I was approached to and asked to have a bill drafted that would remedy a bad situation all over the state in regard to fire marshall. It seems there is problems nearly in every part of the state. They asked me I think perhaps because Fremont had maybe more of their share of problems. The original bill provided for an appeal also provided for local hearings, and also provided the District Judge, local District Judge could modify the bill, modify the ruling. We had a public hearing, it was well attended, people were here from all over the state, and expressed their opinion as to the bill and as to the rulings that have been handed down by the fire marshall. The fire marshall himself was there to testify for the bill, had a letter from the Governor, and he was, he indicated he was for the bill, and there was no opposition and but the committee has had the benefit of the advise of another attorney, and suggested, the attorney suggested that I think Senator Kremer will verify this, suggested that most of the things that were included in the bill were taken care of in the present section, and the same attorney that approved the bill originally, agreed that that was true, he agreed that it was true that most of the things that were included in the bill